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In re Application of:

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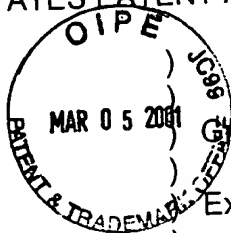
Application No.: 09/624,965

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: O. Chernyshev

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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

This reply is filed in response to the Office Action of January 5, 2001, containing a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. A request for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently with this election so that a reply filed March 5, 2001, is timely.

Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121:

- I. Claims 15-21 and 25-26, drawn to a method for treating Alzheimer's disease, classified in class 424, subclass 600, for example.
- II. Claim 27, drawn to a method of screening components, classified in class 424, subclass 9.2, for example.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I and claims 15-21, 25 and 26. The inventions identified by the Examiner are related. The Office has not

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established that there would be any undue burden in searching and examining the subject matter of all claims together. Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicants request the opportunity to conduct an interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of a first Office Action. Following telephone conferences with Examiner Chernyshev and Primary Examiner Christina Saoud on March 1 and 5 respectively, it was indicated that an interview would be granted if a suitable time and date could be identified in the week of April 16. We will contact the Office in the near future with a specific proposed schedule.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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